(c) whether the Ministry has decided to phase out the existing 6700 vocational schools which have not met the desired standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) based on the recommendation of the various review groups/committees, the existing scheme of vocationalisation of the secondary education is being revised to make it modular in nature and competency based. The scheme shall also be available for the persons who have not got any formal high school education. Keeping in view the requirement of industry/user organizations, experts have identified various vocational clusters including that of agriculture, animal and primary industries, food processing, furniture, wood products and furnishing handloom and handicraft and textile and jute industries, clothing and footwear for vocational education proposed to be provided under the revised scheme initially. A large number of agro-based vocational training courses are available under these clusters.

The schools providing vocational education under the existing scheme may also participate in the proposed revised scheme.

Anganwari Kendras

†441. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Anganwari Kendras' opened under ICDS in the country, State-wise and the number of cases pending with the Ministry for approval in regard to the demands made for opening 'Anganwari Kendras';

(b) the number of development blocks in Himachal Pradesh that have been included under ICDS, but no posts of programme officers have been created as yet; and

(c) the reasons for not creating the said posts so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) The State-wise number of functional Anganwadi Centres under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, as on 30.6.2003, is given in the Statement enclosed *(See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Requests have been received from the States of Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra for sanction of additional Anganwadi Centres. However, in view of resource constraints, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is being continued within the existing sanction of 5652 projects with no further expansion in the Tenth Plan. This position has been intimated to all the States.

(b) As per schematic norms, there is provision for a post of "Programme Officer" at the District level. In Himachal Pradesh, the posts of Programme Officer have been sanctioned for all 12 districts.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

State-wise number of functional Anganwari Centres

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of functional Anganwasi Centres (as on 30.6.2003)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	52517
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1319
3.	Assam	19719
4.	Bihar	17683
5.	Chhattisgarh	20149
6.	Goa	1011
7.	Gujarat	33135
8.	Haryana	13546
9.	Himachal Pradesh	7349
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	10125
11.	Jharkhand	13495
12.	Karnataka	40288
13.	Kerala	24368

1	2	3
14.	Madhya Pradesh	47048
15.	Maharashtra	56749
16.	Manipur	4497
17.	Meghalaya	2209
18.	Mizoram	1193
19.	Nagaland	2576
20.	Orissa	32013
21.	Punjab	14017
22.	Rajasthan	35625
23.	Sikkim	495
24.	Tamil Nadu	31713
25.	Tripura	3635
26.	Uttar Pradesh	57333
27.	Uttaranchal	3989
28.	West Bengal	51819
29.	A & N Islands	429
30.	Chandigarh	300
31.	Delhi	3842
32.	Dadra & N. Haveli	138
33.	Daman & Diu	87
34.	Lakshadweep	74
35.	Pondichery	677
	ALL INDIA	605162